

**NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY & VETERANS AFFAIRS
APPLICATION FOR AWARD / PROGRAM**

The Department holds medal presentation ceremonies, across the state throughout the year to honor our veterans. By completing this application, you agree to attend a ceremony near your home to personally receive your decoration(s). If you are unable to attend a scheduled medal ceremony, your decoration(s) will be presented to you at the state Veterans Service Office nearest you. Medals will not be mailed.

- Print or type information.
- Attach a copy of DD Form 214 or WD Form 53
- Attach a copy of death certificate (if applicable)

Submit application and documents to:
NJ Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DVS-VBB)
PO Box 340
Trenton, NJ 08625-0340

Incomplete applications or missing documentation will be returned without processing

Program or Award Requested *(Check all that apply)*

- NJ Distinguished Service Medal
 NJ Vietnam Service Medal
 NJ POW/MIA Service Medal
 NJ Meritorious Service Medal
 NJ Korean Service Medal

VETERAN'S INFORMATION

1. Name <i>(Last, First, Middle Initial)</i>	2. Service Number / SSN	3. Rank/Grade Held Upon Honorable Discharge
4. Address: Street: County: City: State: Zip Code: Home Phone: Business phone: Cell Phone: E-Mail Address:		5. Residency Upon Entry on Active Duty: City: State:

MILITARY SERVICE INFORMATION

6. Branch of Service *(Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard)*

7. War Time Service *(Check all that apply)*
 World War I
 World War II
 Korean War
 Vietnam War
 Desert Shield/Storm
 OIF
 OEF

8. Type of Combat
 Ground
 Air
 Sea

8a. Theater of Operations: *(Check all that apply)*
 European-African-Middle Eastern
 Asiatic Pacific
 North Atlantic
 American
 Southeast Asiatic
 Southwest Asiatic

9. What Veteran's Organizations do you belong to? *(If any)*

POSTHUMOUS AWARD YES NO *(If YES - Complete the following)* **(Attach copy of Death Certificate)**

10. Name of Person to Receive Award *(Last, First, Middle Initial)* Relationship to Deceased Veteran

11. Address
 Street City State Zip Code
 Home Phone: Business Phone: Cell Phone:
 E-Mail Address:

SIGNATURE:	Date
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For Use by Approving Authority: NJ Dept of Military & Veterans Affairs:

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

NJ Distinguished Service Medal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Current Resident of New Jersey, or resident at the time of entry into military service, or who has been a resident of this state for at least twenty years in the aggregate. ~ Served in a combat theater while on active duty during wartime or National Emergency. ~ Must have received an Honorable Discharge. ~ For a Silver Oak Leaf Cluster, recipient's service must be recognized by the award of the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Air Medal or equivalent. ~ Posthumous award authorized.
NJ Meritorious Service Medal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Current resident of New Jersey for the previous five years. ~ Served in combat theater while on active duty during wartime or National Emergency. ~ Received an Honorable Discharge. ~ Posthumous award authorized.
NJ Korean Service Medal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Current Resident of New Jersey. ~ Served on Active Duty on or after June 23, 1950 and on or before January 31, 1955 in Korea, Japan or contiguous waters or airspace. ~ Attached to or served one or more days with an organization participating in or directly supporting military operations. ~ Attached to or served for one or more aerial flights into airspace over Korea or contiguous waters directly supporting military operations. ~ Served on temporary duty for 30 consecutive days or 60 nonconsecutive days in ~ Korea or contiguous areas, except that this time may be waived for persons participating in actual combat operations. ~ Must have received an Honorable Discharge. ~ Posthumous award authorized
NJ Vietnam Service Medal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Current Resident of New Jersey. ~ Served on Active Duty on or after Dec. 31, 1960 and on or before May 7, 1975 in Vietnam; Thailand, Laos, Cambodia (or contiguous waters or airspace). ~ Attached to or served one or more days with an organization participating in or directly supporting military operations. ~ Attached to or served for one or more days aboard a United States Naval vessel directly supporting military operations. ~ Participated as a crew member in one or more aerial flights into airspace above Vietnam and contiguous waters directly supporting military operations. ~ Served on temporary duty for 30 consecutive days or 60 nonconsecutive days in Vietnam or contiguous areas, except that this time may be waived for persons participating in actual combat operations. ~ Received an Honorable Discharge. ~ Posthumous award authorized.
NJ POW/MIA Service Medal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Current resident of NJ ~ Resident of New Jersey upon entry on Active Duty ~ Served in a combat theater and was officially listed as a prisoner of war or missing in action by the US Dept of Defense. ~ Must have received an Honorable Discharge. ~ Posthumous award authorized.

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Proof of residency (Any document showing name and home address)
 DD Form 214 indicating Honorable Discharge
 Evidence of active duty service in qualifying areas or contiguous waters or airspace
 Evidence of status as POW or MIA